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ANNOUNCE 1956 LIMITATIONS ON MIGRATORY GAME BIRD IMPORTATIONS

American sportsmen planning trips to Canada or Mexico this fall to hunt ducks, geese, and other migratory game birds must comply with certain requirements when bringing such birds into the United States, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior said today.

Shipments from Canada must be accompanied by tags or permits if required by Provincial or Dominion law. Those transported from Mexico must be dressed, drawn, and have the head and feet removed. On waterfowl transported from Canada, the head and feet do not necessarily have to stay on the birds. Birds exported from Mexico require a Mexican export permit, or an endorsement on the license by a Mexican game official granting permission to export the birds, or exhibition of the hunting license on which the official seal of the issuing office has been impressed or endorsed.

The following numbers of migratory game birds lawfully taken during the open season in Canada or Mexico, and exported in compliance with the laws of those countries, may be entered into the United States by one person during any one calendar week:

Ducks--10 of any species. Geese (except Ross' geese)--5 of any species. Brant--6. Coots--25. Woodcock--8. Wilson's snipe--8. Band-tailed pigeons--6. Mourning or white-winged doves--15, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds. For species of migratory game birds other than those named in this paragraph, the numbers shall not exceed for one person the greatest number of such species permitted to be possessed by one person in any State not including Alaska.

A shipment made not later than five days after the close of the Canadian or Mexican season may continue in transit for not over five additional days to permit delivery at destination.

The Federal regulations do not authorize importation or possession of such birds contrary to State laws.

Packages or containers must be marked with the name and address of the shipper and consignee with an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds clearly and conspicuously shown on the outside.

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